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Description: ff. 38 - Bound in early nineteenth-century paper boards, paper flyleaves with extensive antiquarian notes; in a fawn cloth case. - Pieter Bondam (1727-1800), of the University of Utrecht, with his extensive notes; perhaps his sale, Utrecht, 1 October 1800; Sir Thomas Sharpe Powell (1849-1927); his sale, Sotheby's, 16 December 1929, lot 766; William G. Kelso, New York, bought from Lathrop Harper, 1930, with his notes inside front cover, dated June 1932; Sir Percival Victor David (1892-1964), of Friar Park, Henley, by 1938; W. E. D. Allen (1901-1973), of Cappagh, Co. Waterford; acquired by the Lilly Library with his collection in 1976. - Moule and Pelliot 1938, p. 516, no. 133, and pp. 518-19; Dutschke 1993, pp. 263 (no. 8), 282 (L4), 295-98 and 481.

Notes: -The Itinerarium here was evidently once part of a composite volume of texts, perhaps all on travel or the orient. 17 leaves have been removed from the beginning.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 2

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Language: Latin *Country:* Netherlands *Century:* 15th

Part 1: ff.1r-38

Description: - Paper - Briquet 349 or a close variant, consistent with a Flemish or Netherlandish origin, an anchor, recorded in the Netherlands in 1463, Delft in 1477, and elsewhere. - 301 x 218 mm - Collation: i⁷ [of 8, lacking i and two gatherings at the beginning, to judge from the signature 'c2' here, all with another text], ii-iii⁸, iv⁷ [of 8, viii lacking or canceled after fol. 29], v⁸, and lacking all thereafter; vertical lines ruled in blind, horizontal lines apparently in faint plummet, 2 columns, 40-41 lines, each column 193 mm. by 60 mm. with 12 mm. between columns.

Country: Netherlands

Cardinal point:

Region:

City:

Assigned Date: s. XV^{3/4}

Searchable Date Range: 1450 - 1475

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes:

Script: Semi-cursive hybrid Book Hand

Other Decoration: Headings in red (some left blank); 2-line chapter initials throughout in red or blue, blank spaces left for large initials on fols. 1r and 36r.

Notes: The watermark in the paper here is consistent with a Flemish or Netherlandish origin, for it is an anchor, Briquet 349 or a close variant, recorded in the Netherlands in 1463, Delft in 1477, and elsewhere. Latin

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1: f. 1r-35v

Author: Marco Polo

Title: Itinerarium

Title: Nobilis et discretus vir dominus marcus paulo de veneciis cum xxvi annis continuis Travelog

Language(s): Latin

Explicit: ex cinchin imperialis progenie descendentes

Notes: The present recension is recorded in ten other copies (Benedetto 1928, pp. clxxviii-clxxxii). It is much nearer the assumed prototype than the more common Latin translation, known in 78 manuscripts, made by the Dominican friar Francesco Pipino around 1314-24 (Kaeppli 1970, pp. 392-93, no. 1114). The Lilly copy includes an unexpected interpolation which suggests a line of textual transmission which has passed through the Netherlands. On fol. 35r the text describes wooden vehicles without wheels which are made to slide along the ice in northern Tartary, adding "quas in partibus nostris appellamus in flamingo sleden", 'which in our country we call sleds in Flemish' (column 2, lines 4-5). This local addition also occurs in two other manuscripts, both from the southern Netherlands, now Antwerp, Plantin-Moretus Museum, M 16.14, and Wolfenbüttel, Herzog-August-Bibliothek, Weissenberg 41.



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f. 35r End of Marco Polo's Itinerarium". Col 2, lines 4-5, discuss Flemish sleds, suggesting a line of textual transmission through the Netherlands.

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